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Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs)

Do they save lives?

Absolutely.

Do they always work?

No.



Interference With ELT Efficacy

✓ Installation errors

✓ Post-installation errors



Proper ELT Installation

Different models, different installations

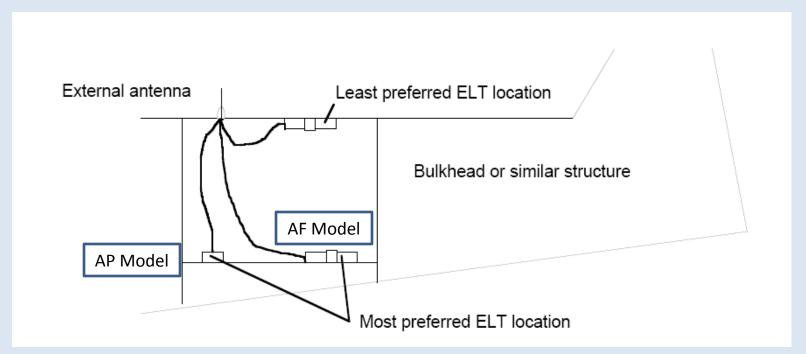
- ✓ Automatic fixed (AF) transmitter
 - Install far back in the craft
 - Install a remote control unit in the panel for pilot testing and resetting
- ✓ Automatic portable (AP) transmitter
 - Install in cockpit or cabin area, within pilot reach
 - Does not need a remote control monitor



Proper ELT Installation

Install both in or on a rigid surface







Proper ELT Installation

Antennas need a ground plane

Cable should not cross a break point in aircrafts' structure



Post-Installation Problems

- ✓ Disabling ELTs
- ✓ Failure to test periodically
- ✓ Not replacing batteries at recommended intervals
- √ No/incorrect registration of ELT with NOAA*



^{*}National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

Disabling ELTs

✓ Pilot disconnects or turns off ELT



ELT Periodic Testing Procedures

✓ AP or AF for fixed-wing aircraft: To test automatic activation, use a forward-snapping motion (flicking) in the direction of the arrow.

✓ ELT for helicopters: Swing (like a tennis racket) or throw (like a football), then snap back.



Approved 5-Year Lithium Battery Pack



GS-46 Lithium Battery Pack



Approved 2-Year Alkaline Battery Packs



GS-52 Alkaline Battery Pack



Register in the NOAA Database



Save Time! Register your beacon online at: www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov

Official 406 MHz ELT Registration Form

Mail or Fax to: NOAA/SARSAT NSOF, E/SP3 4231 Suitland Road Suitland, MD 20746 Fax No. 301-817-4565

	que Identifier Number)
	provided by ELT manufacturer) Model No.
ELT Registration	
□ New ELT Registration □ Replacemen □ Renewal of ELT Registration □ Check here	nt of ELT Decal If this ELT is a replacement for a previously registered ELT. If the old ELT unique ID number
Owner/Operator Information	
Name(Last, First, Middle Initial)	_ E-mail
Mailing Address	Telephone
	() Home Work Cellular Fax Other
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City State/Province	Area Code
ZIP (Postal) Code Country	Home Work Cellular Fax Other
Aircraft Information	
Registration (Tail) Number Usage Commercial	Survival Equipment Deployable
Type ☐ Single-engine Propeller ☐ Single-engine Jet ☐ Multi-engine Propeller ☐ Multi-engine Jet ☐ Helicopter ☐ Other	Principal Airport
Aircraft Manufacturer	
Model Color	
Seating Capacity	· ·
Radio Equipment (Check all that apply) □ VHF □ MF □ HF □ SSB □ Other	
Emergency Contact Information (Please Indicate someone Name of Primary 24-Hour Emergency Contact:	other than the owner) Name of Alternate 24-Hour Emergency Contact:
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Signature	Date

✓ Keep registration current

✓ Correctly copy hex code onto the registration form





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CityState/Province	Area Code
ZIP (Postal) Code Country	() Home Work Cellular Fax Other
Aircraft Information	
Registration (Tail) Number	Survival Equipment
Usage ☐ Commercial ☐ Non-commercial	Deployable
Government Military	Fixed
Туре	Principal Airport
☐ Single-engine Propeller ☐ Single-engine Jet ☐ Multi-engine Propeller ☐ Multi-engine Jet ☐ Helicopter ☐ Other	City State
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Accurate hex code



TSOs

To obtain a technical standard order (TSO):

✓ ELTs must meet FCC, COSPAS/SARSAT, and FAA requirements

✓ Manufacturers must have FAA-approved quality assurance system and facility



No Substitutes Yet for ELTs

Cell phones



Personal location-based trackers





Thank you for your attention!



